REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2005 having a shortened statutory response period ending on June 22, 2005. This paper is submitted within the statutory response period. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account number 02-1818.

Claims 1, 11-17, and 27-28 are pending in this application. Claims 2-10 and 18-24, and 26 have been canceled. The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-8, 11-16, 20-24, and 26-28 is noted with appreciation. Claim 1 recites the allowable subject matter of claims 4-8. Claim 17 recites the allowable subject matter of claims 20-24. Claim 25 recites the allowable subject matter of claim 26.

Applicants respectfully submit that this Response be entered as it places the claims in a condition of allowance and requires only a cursory review by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuation application.

Claims 1-3, 9-10, 17-19 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,301,144 to Iwashita et al. (*Iwashita).* Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable in view of *Iwashita* as the present claims recite subject matter determined to be allowable by the Examiner.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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